

WI HOSA Fall 2008 Newsletter

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2008-2009 Wisconsin HOSA State Officers

(Pictured left to right: President Jennifer Ferrera, Vice President Allen Young, Secretary Amber Hintz, Historian Janell Warner, Reporter Molly Gotthardt, Special Projects Coordinator Nzuekoh Nchinda)

Your new Wisconsin HOSA state officers would like to welcome everyone to a new year in HOSA! We would like to welcome our new members, and hope that they can help WI HOSA have a great year! The officers wanted to introduce ourselves further to all of our members. We have all written a few things about ourselves to help you get to know us better! We look forward to seeing you all at HOSA events throughout the year!

Jennifer Ferrera
WI HOSA President Elect

My name is Jennifer Ferrera. I am a junior in the Waukesha Academy of Health Professions and I am your 2008-2009 State President. Aside from HOSA I am also the captain of the Waukesha South varsity tennis team. Every day I go to our local elementary school and volunteer in their third grade classroom and I really enjoy doing other volunteer services as well. Outside of school I love to listen to music and hang out with all of my friends.

Allen Young, WI HOSA Vice President

I am currently a high school senior at Madison Memorial. I was born in China and moved to the United States when I was six. Since then, I have moved around the United States and lived in Oklahoma, Oregon, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. I first got interested in the medical field when I was four and sent to the hospital. At that time, patients did not get their own rooms and I had to see my roommates suffer. However, the doctors would come in and use all their efforts to alleviate their pain. They have become my idols ever since and I strive to become one myself. Aside from HOSA, I am also on the varsity swim team at Memorial, a section editor for yearbook and vice-president for National Honor Society.

Molly Gotthardt, WI HOSA Reporter

Welcome everyone! I am so excited to be filling the position as the Wisconsin HOSA Reporter for the 2008-2009 year. I am a senior at Washington Park High School. I am the president of our HOSA chapter, and I attended the state and national leadership conferences this past year. I am the captain of the girls' tennis team and vice-president of National Honor Society. I have been interested in the medical field for about five years and I hope to one day become a neurosurgeon. I hope that, as your state reporter, I can help inform others about HOSA throughout Wisconsin and help our chapter grow. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming leadership labs or state competition!

Amber Hintz, WI HOSA Secretary

Hello, I am Amber Hintz; I am your Wisconsin HOSA Secretary for 2008-2009. I enjoy being in HOSA and being involved with learning leadership skills. I also enjoy spreading awareness for diseases and other health issues. An extra activity that I enjoy doing out of HOSA and school is boxing. Boxing is exciting, fun, and requires a lot of energy. I love to watch sports and I am very close to my brother. I hope to see HOSA members at leadership labs or state competition and I am excited to welcome new HOSA members.

Nzuekoh Nchinda, WI HOSA Special
Projects Coordinator

Hello everyone. Welcome new members! I hope you enjoy this HOSA year as much as I've enjoyed the past two years. To all returning members, welcome back! Your experience will help make this year the best yet for WI HOSA.

I am a junior at Oak Creek High School, where I also serve as vice president of the local chapter. After high school, I hope to pursue a career as either a surgeon or a biomedical engineer. If I were to enter a field that is not healthcare related, I would pursue music or art. I love singing as a member of the Milwaukee Children's Choir and enjoy playing viola. During my free time, I love to create collections of paintings, sketches, and writings. Other extracurricular activities I am involved in include mock trial, forensics, National Honors Society, and Oak Creek Service Learning Club.

I've gained a lot as a member, and I encourage all of you to take advantage of the many opportunities that HOSA offers. HOSA has allowed me to connect with students from all over Wisconsin and across the nation and has exposed me to the real world of healthcare. By attending events such as the Fall Leadership Labs and the State Leadership Conference, I have learned from healthcare professionals, and I have developed leadership skills that will be valuable in any occupation.



Janell Warner, WI HOSA Historian

Welcome everyone! This school year, I am your HOSA State Historian. My name is Janell Warner; I am a senior at West Allis Central High School. During my time as the Historian, I hope to be able to increase the overall membership of Wisconsin HOSA. In addition, I would like to make state run much smoother than previously. Again this year, Autism is our special project and our goal is to increase knowledge to everyone about Autism. Lastly, our final goal would be to help everyone understand the meaning of HOSA better. In my position as HOSA Historian, I plan on having our state scrapbook be the best it has ever been! So please, if you have any pictures of you and friends in HOSA that you want in the scrapbook, email them to me at jjjjw@sbcglobal.net. In addition to that I will be updating any previous history that HOSA needs done. I hope everyone has a great year and gets very involved in HOSA because it is a great organization. Hope to see you at the leadership lab!



A Letter From The State Advisor

Greetings from the State Advisor,

I am Janice Atkinson, the Wisconsin HOSA State Advisor. I have had the great privilege of working with HOSA members and advisors for the past six months. I have learned a great deal, have met outstanding professionals, and have connected with impressive students who exhibit healthcare knowledge, professionalism, and passion for helping others. Wisconsin was well represented at the National Conference in Dallas, Texas this past June. Congratulations to all those who competed and represented our state so well.

Great things are happening with Wisconsin HOSA. Leadership labs are approaching soon which are great opportunities to interact with professionals in the healthcare field, to learn more about HOSA initiatives at the state and national levels, and to connect with members and advisors from across Wisconsin. Determined by voting delegates at the national conference, Autism Speaks continues to be the focus of community service this year. Attend a leadership lab to learn more about this important organization.

The Executive Council has begun plans for State Leadership Conference which will be held in Madison from April 21-23, 2009. This group of state officers and their advisors are committed to providing a dynamic state conference for members and advisors. If you have any suggestions, please email me at janice.atkinson@dpi.wi.gov. Stay tuned for further updates by visiting the Wisconsin HOSA website at www.dpi.wi.gov/hosa/index.html. I look forward to working with you through the year.

In HOSA Spirit,

Janice Atkinson, State Advisor

Fall Leadership Labs

This year Wisconsin HOSA is holding its annual Leadership Labs on October 17-18 in the Wisconsin Dells, and on November 7th in Oconomowoc. The officers and advisors are very excited, and it will be a lot of fun! Hope to see you all there! The following are the sessions that the officers have set up for each location.

Wisconsin Dells Sessions

Session 1

- Change for the Better - Transplant Surgeon
- The Unsolved Puzzle - Autism
- Stretch, Strive and Shoot for State 2009 - competitive events
- ROTC

Session 2

- Change for the Better - Transplant Surgeon
- The Unsolved Puzzle - Autism
- BINGO - getting to know HOSA

Session 3

- The Science of Healing and the Gift of Caring - Physical Therapy
- ENCARE - Emergency Room Nurse
- Stretch, Strive and Shoot for State 2009 - competitive events
- Advisor Session

Oconomowoc Sessions

Session 1

- Annnnnnd.....Cut! - Surgeon
- The Unsolved Puzzle - Autism
- Stretch, Strive and Shoot for State 2009 - competitive events
- Life in an Incubator until Home - Neonatal Nurse and Pediatric Nurse
- BINGO - getting to know HOSA

Session 2

- It's All about Movement - Physical Therapy
- The Unsolved Puzzle - Autism
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